GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TEA PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of tea produced during each of the last three years till date;

(b) whether production of tea is declining;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase production of tea?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The quantity of tea produced in the country during each of the last three years is given below:-

Year	Production (million Kgs)
2004	892.96
2005	927.98
2006	955.95
2007(Jan-June)	334.71

Estimated.
Source: Tea Board

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In order to promote production and productivity of tea, Tea Board is already implementing a number of Plan schemes for development of the sector under which financial/ technical assistance is provided to the tea industry.In addition, a Special Purpose Tea Fund has also been set up for financing replantation/ rejuvenation activities aimed at improving the age profile of old tea bushes.